



St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 11th September 2025

With Jesus Christ at the heart of our loving Catholic community

Dates for Diary



Thursday 18th September

St Francis of Assisi
Catholic College
Open Evening

Tuesday 23rd September

Sacramental
meeting for parents
(Y3 – 6pm; Y6 –
6.45pm @Sacred
Heart)

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**Eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves,
the relation between people, and the world.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We celebrated our first Pride in Presentation awards last week and are looking forward to congratulating this week's stars in our Celebration Assembly tomorrow! Teachers have been greatly impressed with the effort, care and Pride the children are putting into their presentation. Comments from teachers included that they had been 'blown away' and had had their 'socks blown off' by their class's presentation! Well done to all our children and especially our Pride in Presentation Stars!

On Sunday, the parish is holding a special blessing of their new Stations of the Cross. The Stations have been painted by our very own Mrs Hogg! We are truly blessed to have such a talented artist as part of the St Gabriel's community. More information about the blessing can be found further into the newsletter.

God Bless

Mr Bright

Headteacher



St Francis of Assisi College
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Open Evening 2025
Thursday 18th September 6:30pm – 9pm
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Well Done to our Learners of the Week for impressing their teachers with their hard work and fantastic learning behaviours!

Learners of the Week						
		1CC Louie	1LG Bryn	2LM Simon	2NH Brian	3JH Ellie
3LH Rosie	4HB Seb	4VN Zach D	5EY Leo	5SM Rosie	6BF Nel	6AC Jack

Our Pride in Presentation Award goes to someone who has put great effort and taken great pride in their presentation!

Pride in Presentation						
		1CC Eva-May	1LG Ruby	2LM Victoria	2NH Kirsty	3JH Owen
3LH Khloe	4HB Olivia	4VN Freddie	5EY Ronnie Ho	5SM Weronika	6BF Max	6AC Abbie

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Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to classes 2NH and 4VN who are our Attendance SuperStars this week!



Weekly Attendance

		1CC 97.6%	1LG 92.5%	2LM 98.4%	2NH 100%	3JH 93.2%
3LH 96.9%	4HB 97.4%	4VN 100%	5EV 97.7%	5SM 99.5%	6BF 94.0%	6AC 96.7%



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St Francis of Assisi (Aldridge) are hosting their Open Evening on
Thursday 18th September 2025 (6.30pm – 9pm).

During the evening there will be opportunities to tour the school,
meet some of the staff and speak with current SFA students.

Parents of children from all Year Groups are very welcome to
attend and find out more about Catholic education for 11 – 18
year olds.

More information about SFA can be found at

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/>

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Parish News - <https://www.tamworthrc.church/>

Blessing of Stations of the Cross

This weekend is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. To mark this, the parish have installed new Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross have been painted by Mrs Hogg – one of our wonderful Year Three teachers and an incredibly talented artist!

Everyone is very welcome to attend the 12noon Mass on Sunday (14th) where you will be able to see the Stations in situ!

There will be a blessing of the Stations after the 12noon Mass followed by refreshments.



Sunday Masses

Sunday Masses	
Saturday Vigil 6:00pm - St John's Church	Sunday 9:00am - Sacred Heart 10:30am - St John's Church 12:00pm - Sacred Heart

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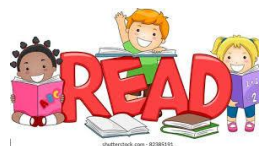
Homework

Information about homework has been shared with parents this morning.

Parents will also receive a follow up email from your child's year group teachers with specific information about their year group homework arrangements.

<p>St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School</p>  <p>Homework Information Autumn Term 1</p> <p>Homework – Daily Practice</p>	<p>At St Gabriel's, we want to ensure that homework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports and enhances children's learning in school • Supports parents in being involved in their child's learning • Helps to build independent learning skills and habits • Over the course of the year, provides opportunities for learning in different ways • Is acknowledged and celebrated • Is manageable for children, families and staff. 	<p>Extensive educational evidence and research, indicates that regular, focused practice of key facts, knowledge and skills is the most effective way of retaining this information.</p>  <p>HOMEWORK</p>
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Track My Read



Our new Track My Read Autumn Term challenge is coming soon - we are just waiting for our new Reception cohort to be placed in their class groups. The Autumn Term challenge will be up and running, and all children will have received their Log in details, by Friday 19th September. Please keep reading even if you can't yet track your minutes! Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – John 3:13 - 17

But God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

This Sunday's Gospel contains one of the most significant verses in the Bible: John 3:16 which starts with the words 'God so loved the world..'

These words are considered so fundamental to our faith that signs making reference to the verse are often seen at sporting events, especially in America!

John 3:16 tells that God's love for the world is so universal and immense that He gave us His only Son so that we can enjoy the most wonderful gift of eternal life.

Jesus is our path to salvation and a transformed life with God.





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PE Days

Please see below for your child's 'PE Day.' Children should attend school in their PE kit on their PE day.

Reception	Wednesday
Year One	Wednesday
Year Two	Tuesday
Year Three	Friday
Year Four	Tuesday
Year Five	Thursday
Year Six	Monday

Dates

Thursday 18 th September 2025	St Francis of Assisi Catholic College Open Evening
Friday 19 th September 2025	Mass in School (Ys 1,3,5)
Tuesday 23 rd September 2025	Sacramental meeting for parents (Y3 – 6pm; Y6 – 6.45pm @Sacred Heart)
Monday 29 th September 2025	Feast of St Gabriel
Friday 3 rd October 2025	Mass in School – Whole School – Y5
Sunday 5 th October 2025	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am) (Welcome and Commitment Mass)

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Wednesday 8 th – Friday 10 th October 2025	Y6 at Alton Castle
Friday 17 th October 2025	Mass in School – Ys 2, 4, 6
Tuesday 21 st October	Autumn Term Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Autumn Term Parents' Evening
Friday 24th October 2025	End of Half Term
Monday 3rd November 2025	INSET Day Two
Tuesday 4th November 2025	Children return
Friday 7 th November 2025	Mass in School - Whole School – (Led by Y6)
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	School Photos
Friday 21 st November 2025	Mass in School (CAFOD Jubilee Day) – Whole School – Chaplaincy
Sunday 23 rd November 2025	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am)
Friday 5 th December 2025	Mass in School – Whole School - Staff (Y4 and Y5 Confessions after Mass)
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	Key Stage Two Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Monday 15 th December 2025	Early Years Christmas Nativity
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Key Stage One Carol; Service (6pm, Sacred Heart)
Friday 19th December 2025	Mass in School – Whole School- Y6 (Y6 and Staff Confessions after Mass) End of Autumn Term
Monday 5th January 2026	Start of Spring Term Children return to school
Friday 16 th January 2026	Mass in School – Whole School – Year 5
Friday 30 th January 2026	Mass in School – Year Two (Year Group Mass)
Friday 13 th February 2026	Mass in School Whole School – Y3
Friday 13th February 2026	End of Half Term
Wednesday 18 th February 2026	Ash Wednesday – Lent begins
Monday 23rd February 2026	INSET Day 3
Tuesday 24th February 2026	Children return to school
Friday 27 th February 2026	CAFOD Family Fast Day
Sunday 1 st March 2026	School Mass at Sacred Heart (9am)
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3) (Sacred Heart, 6pm)
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day

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Friday 6 th March 2026	Mass in School – Year Four and Year Five (Year Group Mass) (Y4 and Y5 Confessions after Mass)
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	Spring Term Parents' Evening
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Spring Term Parents' Evening
Friday 20 th March 2026	Mass in School- Y2 (Year Group Mass)
Friday 27th March 2026	Mass in School Whole School (Led by Y4) End of Spring Term
Friday 3 rd April 2026	Good Friday
Sunday 5 th April 2026	Easter Sunday (Easter Season until Sunday 24 th May)
Monday 13th April 2026	Start of Summer Term Children return
Friday 17 th April 2026	Mass in School- Whole School – Chaplaincy
Friday 1 st May 2026	Mass in School – Year One (Year Group Mass)
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May 2026	Key Stage Two SATS
Saturday 16 th May 2026	First Holy Communion (10am, 12 noon; Sacred Heart)
Friday 22nd May 2026	End of Half Term
Sunday 24 th May 2026	Pentecost
Monday 1st June 2026	Children return to school Year Four Multiplication Check window opens until Friday 12 th June 2026
Friday 5 th June 2026	Mass in School – Whole School – Chaplaincy
Sunday 7 th June	Corpus Christi
Monday 8 th June 2026	Year One Phonic Screening Check (until Friday 12 th June)
Friday 19 th June 2026	Mass in School – Early Years (Year Group Mass)
Monday 22 nd June 2026	INSET Day 4
Sunday 28 th June 2026	Feast of St Peter and Paul
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Mass in School – Y3 and Y6 – Thanksgiving for Sacraments
Thursday 9 th July	Meet the New Teacher Day
Friday 10 th July 2026	Reports sent home
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Parent – Meet the New Teacher session
Friday 17th July 2026	Mass in School - Whole School (Led by Y6)

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	Last day of school year for children
Monday 20 st July 2026	INSET Day 5

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